

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
September 3, 2023**

MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Francis deSales: Sat. 4:00 p.m.
St. James: Sat. 6:00 p.m., Fri. 9:00 a.m.
St. George's: Sun. 9:00 a.m., Wed. 6:30 p.m.
All Saints: Sun. 10:30 a.m., Thurs. 9:30 a.m.

Confessions

St. James - Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

In the previous passage of the same chapter of St. Matthew's gospel, Jesus called Peter a blessed rock for his discernment of Jesus as the Christ. In the gospel reading today, Jesus calls him Satan for being a stumbling block to His mission of saving the world through suffering, crucifixion, and death.

Recalling His temptation in the desert, the devil (Satan) also tried to divert Jesus' attention from His spiritual mission into selfish motives and worldliness. Thus, anyone who becomes a stumbling block to the salvific mission of Jesus can be called Satan!

When we read the whole story, Peter was just being human. In fact, Jesus Himself mentioned that Peter was thinking as human beings do. Supposing a close friend of yours suddenly tells you that he is going to suffer and die. You would most probably do what Peter did. "Oh no, how can I help you to stop that from happening?", you would perhaps cry out. Yet, we do that with the best of intentions, just like Peter. Of course, we don't want others to suffer and die. However, there lies the problem. We have unconsciously become a stumbling block for the fulfillment of something.

So let us reflect on our behavior. How many times did we become a stumbling block for others to achieve their dreams?

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Pauline Walsh, Shannon Lavandier, Cathy Martell, & Jordan Lea. If you wish prayers for your loved one due to illness please email or phone Edith (583-2541) to let her know. Thank you!

Week Day Masses

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 6:30 p.m. at St. George's Int. Charles Somers by Edith MacDonald

Thursday, Sept. 7, 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. Clarence Roche by Laura & Family

Friday, Sept. 8, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. Rose Molloy by Phonse Molloy & Family

Saturday, Sept. 9, 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis deSales Int. Rose Marie MacDonald by Family

THIS IS THE LAST MASS FOR THE YEAR IN LITTLE POND

Saturday, Sept. 9, 6:00 p.m. at St. James Int. Anna Rafuse by Patsy Myers & Family

**** PLEASE NOTE**:** Effective, Saturday, September 16, Mass at St. James will change back to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 10, 9:00 a.m. at St. George's Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, Sept. 10, 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Int. W. Bennett Campbell by Shirley & Family

Rosary: The rosary before Mass at St. James church is at 5:30 p.m.; St. George's church at 8:30 a.m.; All Saints at 10:00 a.m. and St. Francis deSales at 3:30 p.m.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for Aug. 27 – 15 Envelopes - \$455.00; Loose - \$60.00. **Ministries for Sept. 9:** Lector – Tony Thijseen; Eucharistic Minister – Brenda Richard; Altar Server – Jim Garrity; Choir – Organ.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for Aug. 27 - 23 Envelopes - \$900.00; Loose – \$349.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; Hall Rental -

\$100.00. **Ministries for Sept. 10:** Lector – Cindy Shepard; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Wilson; Gifts – Martina MacDonald; Ushers – Tony VandenBroek & Reg Conohan. **Church Custodian** from Sept. 4 to Sept. 10 is Louis & Marilyn Callaghan & from Sept. 11 to Sept. 17 is Harry Nabuurs. **Church Cleaners for September** are Anita Conohan, Linda Cain, Mae Campbell, & Marilyn Callaghan.

Muffin Sunday: Please join us after Mass at All Saints for "Muffin Sunday" for our Unit on **Sunday, September 3**. Coffee, Tea, and Juice will be on, and contribution to the sharing table would be most welcome.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for Aug. 27 - 15 Envelopes - \$510.00; Loose - \$80.00; Maintenance - \$50.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Charles Somers - \$2,185.00; Cemetery Fund IMO Felix Walker \$1,290.00. **Ministries Sept. 10:** Lector – Edith MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Terry Brennan; Gifts – Tony Thijseen & Christine MacMillan; Ushers – Tony Thijseen & Rolland Dionne. **Church Cleaners for September** are: Edith MacDonald & Tammy Gardiner.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

Ministries for Sept. 9 Lector – Catherine MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Lori Ann MacDonald; Gifts – Claire Young & Nancy MacDonald; Ushers – Billy Victor & Billy MacDonald.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

The Pilgrimage to the Canadian Martyrs at St. Peter's Church, Seven Mile Bay will take place on Saturday, September 23 for pro-life intentions. The Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League are partnering on this event. Rosary will be said at 10:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:30 a.m. A collection will be taken up for PEI Life. There will be light refreshments served afterwards. All are welcome.

Young Adult Leadership Team: Are you a young adult (18-25) who is interested in growing in their faith, and helping lead retreats across the Diocese? The Young Adult Leadership Team travels the diocese leading retreats, and gathers regularly for faith-building and community. The first meeting is an overnight retreat, September 22-23 at the Marguerite Bourgeois Centre. For more information about the Leadership Team and

to register for the Retreat, visit: <https://youth.dioceseofcharlottetown.com/young-adult-leadership-team/>

PRAYER for the WEEK: PRAYER FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

O Virgin immaculate, thou who by a singular privilege of grace wast preserved from original sin, look in pity upon our separated brethren, who are nevertheless thy children, and call them back to the center of unity. Not a few of them, although separated from the Church, have kept a certain veneration for thee; and do thou, generous as thou art, reward them for it, by obtaining for them the grace of conversion.

Thou wast conqueror of the infernal serpent from the first instant of thy existence; renew even now, for it is now more necessary than ever before, thine ancient triumphs; glorify thy divine Son, bring back to Him the sheep that have strayed from the one fold and place them once more under the guidance of the universal Shepherd who holds the place of thy Son on earth; let it be thy glory, O Virgin who destroyest all heresies, to restore unity and peace once more to all the Christian people.

NOTE: Please send items for the Bulletin to Edith MacDonald at - elmacdonald56@gmail.com or phone 583-2541 by **Noon**, the Wednesday prior to the weekend.